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This report provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40 ft dry, 20 and 40 ft refrigerated, and 40 ft high cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

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Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

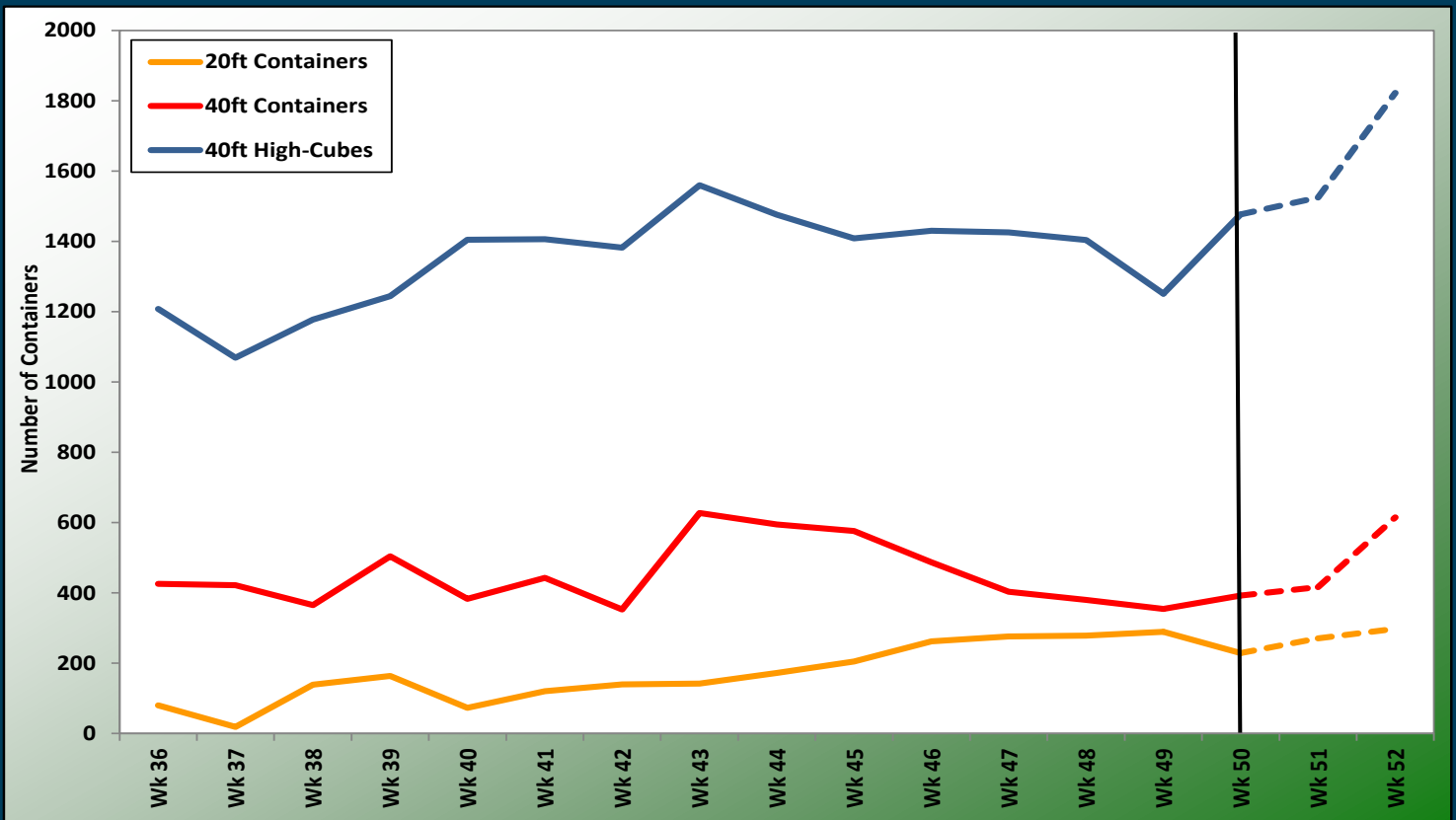
AMS now offers location specific container availability analysis for each of OSCAR's 18 reported locations. Over the past 6 weeks, AMS highlighted the Columbus, Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Cincinnati and Denver markets; this week we continue with Memphis. These analyses deliver a historical overview of OSCAR data.

Historical Analysis of Memphis

Memphis was used to export over 170,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural cargo between August (when OSCAR began) and December of last year. About 55 percent of the agricultural exports were cotton. Other significant agricultural exports included sugar, beer, and brewer grain. Over the period, 68 percent of agricultural exports through Memphis were moved in 40ft containers.

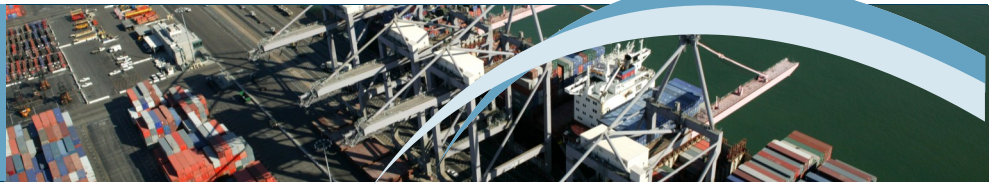
Since mid-August this year, container availability in Memphis has demonstrated a slow but steady rise. Availability rose to a peak in late October for the 40ft high cube and 40ft container types then began to trend slightly downward with some small increases along the way, ending the period slightly ahead of the levels when it began. Except for the 20ft container type, availability in Memphis increased for 40ft high cube and 40ft dry containers. Additionally, projections over the next 2 weeks show availability significantly increasing for all three dry container types. See figure below.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Memphis 1st week of September (Wk 36) through 2nd week of December (Wk 50), 2013, with Projections .

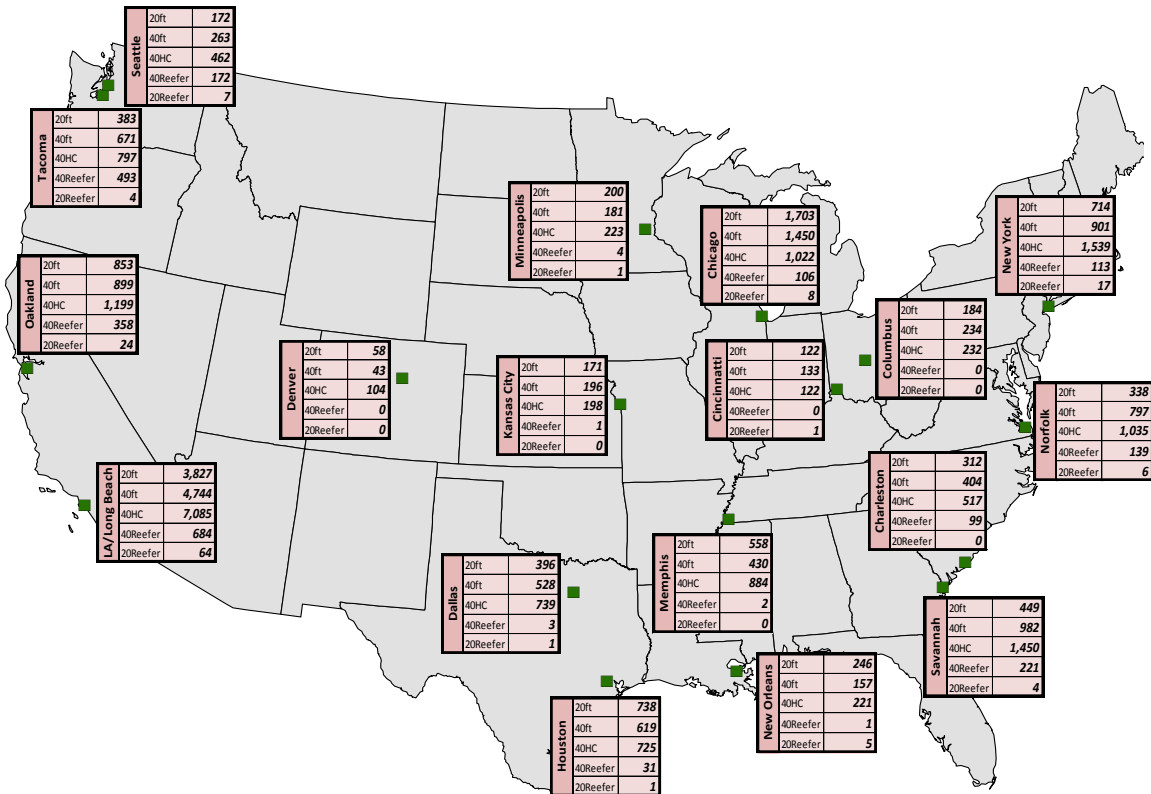


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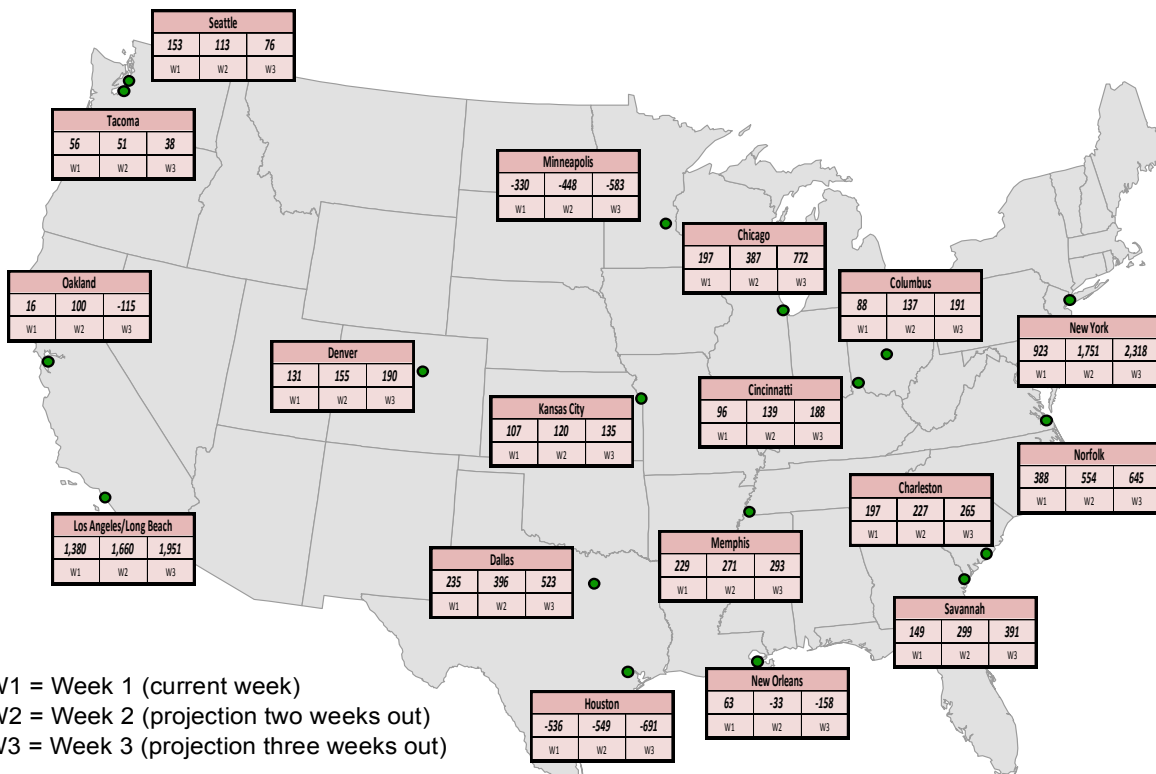
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



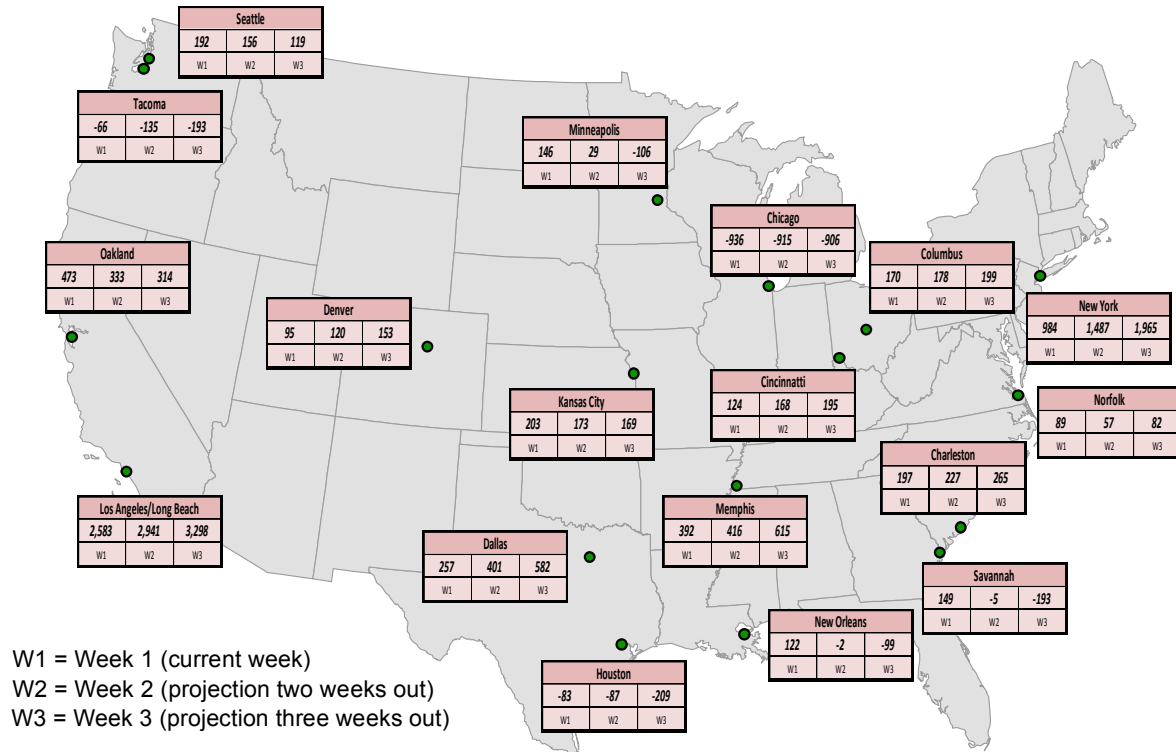
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



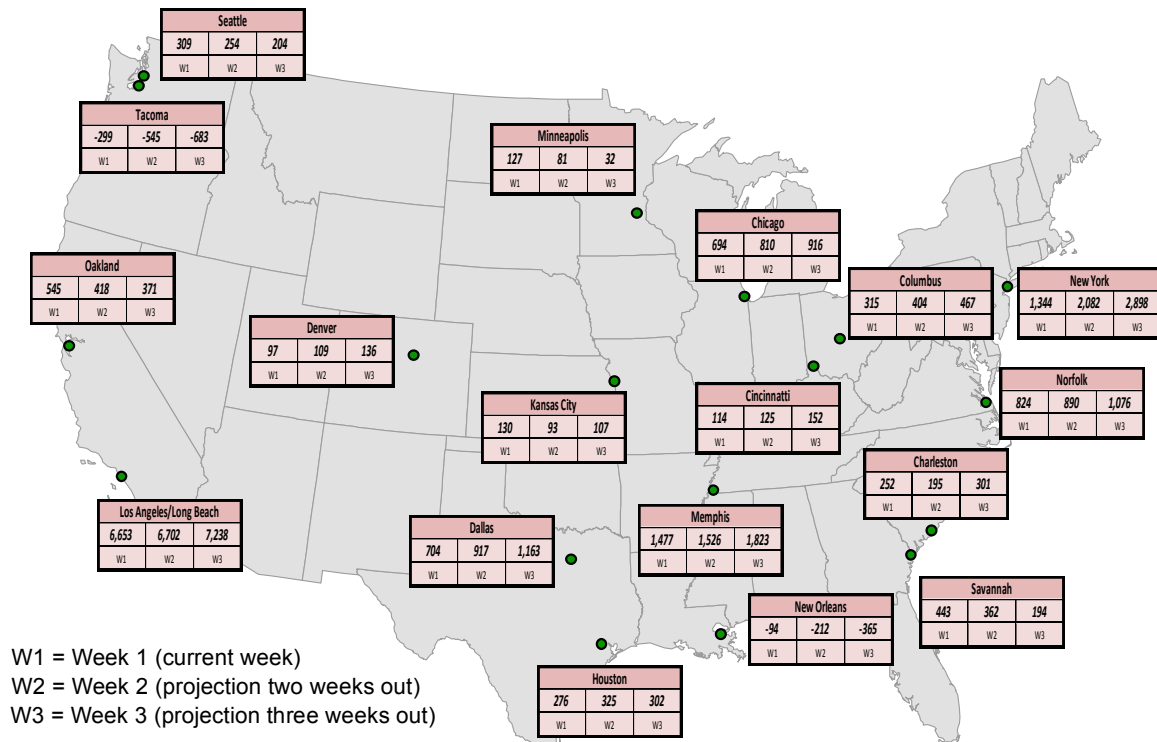
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

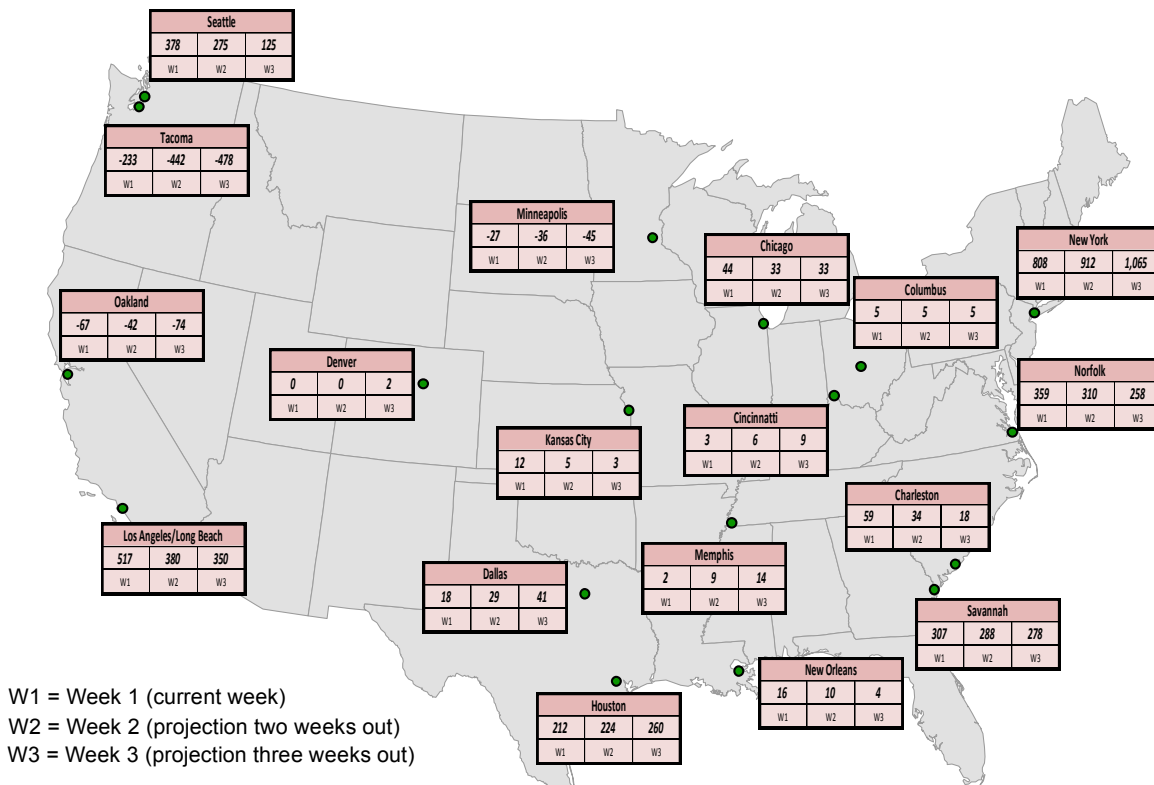


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

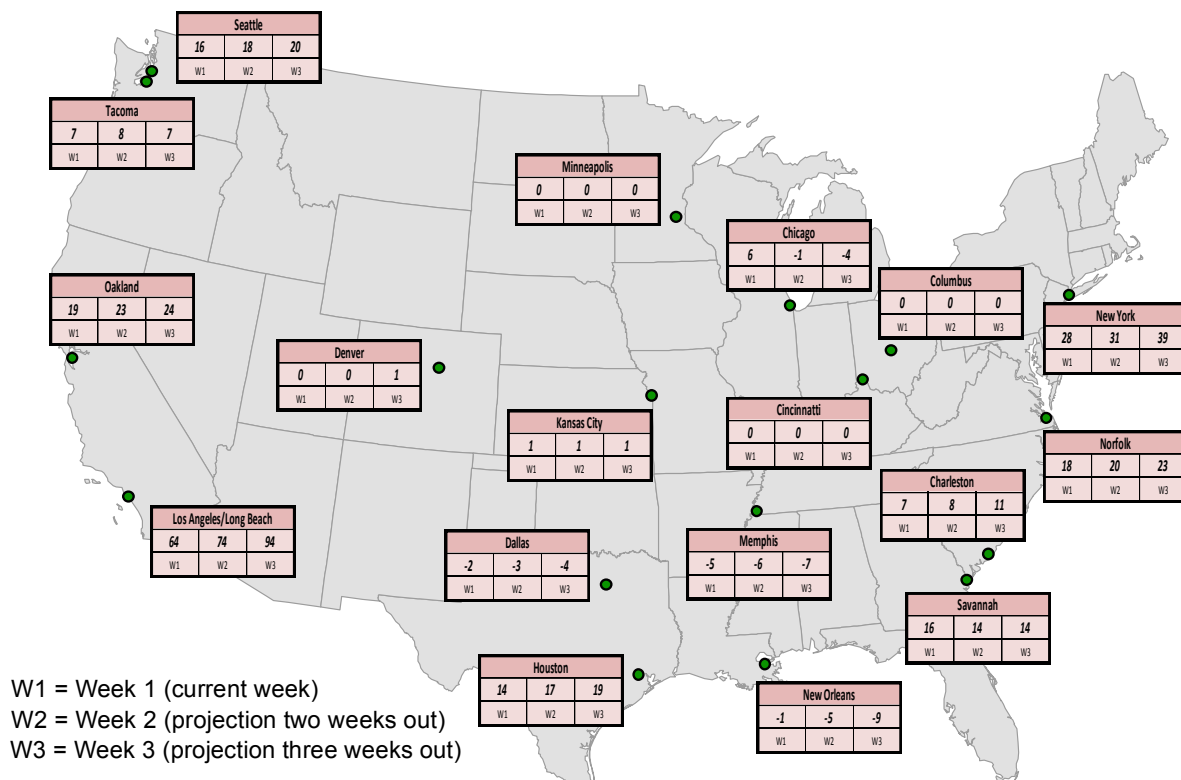


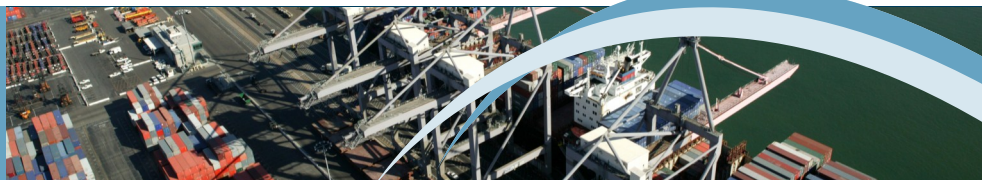


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	82	80	25	8	2	.	.	.	.	.	197
Week 2: Dec 18-24	115	80	43	-13	2	.	.	.	.	.	227
Week 3: Dec 25-31	110	80	60	13	2	.	.	.	.	.	265
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	192	170	70	20	2	.	.	.	.	.	454
Week 2: Dec 18-24	123	254	41	20	3	.	.	.	.	.	441
Week 3: Dec 25-31	118	329	69	20	5	.	.	.	.	.	541
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	90	67	63	30	2	.	.	.	.	.	252
Week 2: Dec 18-24	9	114	40	30	2	.	.	.	.	.	195
Week 3: Dec 25-31	7	168	94	30	2	.	.	.	.	.	301
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	62	39	5	2	-49	.	.	.	.	.	59
Week 2: Dec 18-24	65	42	5	1	-79	.	.	.	.	.	34
Week 3: Dec 25-31	69	45	5	1	-102	.	.	.	.	.	18
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	4	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Dec 18-24	5	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Dec 25-31	6	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	186	100	8	-18	-79	.	.	.	.	.	197
Week 2: Dec 18-24	149	100	6	-13	145	.	.	.	.	.	387
Week 3: Dec 25-31	287	100	8	-15	392	.	.	.	.	.	772
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	8	2	-140	-206	-600	.	.	.	.	.	-936
Week 2: Dec 18-24	10	-14	-159	-152	-600	.	.	.	.	.	-915
Week 3: Dec 25-31	8	-18	-217	-79	-600	.	.	.	.	.	-906
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	600	203	10	-15	-104	.	.	.	.	.	694
Week 2: Dec 18-24	600	267	8	-18	-47	.	.	.	.	.	810
Week 3: Dec 25-31	600	345	10	-20	-19	.	.	.	.	.	916
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	34	12	4	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
Week 2: Dec 18-24	28	11	3	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
Week 3: Dec 25-31	19	10	0	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	4	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Dec 18-24	1	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Dec 25-31	-2	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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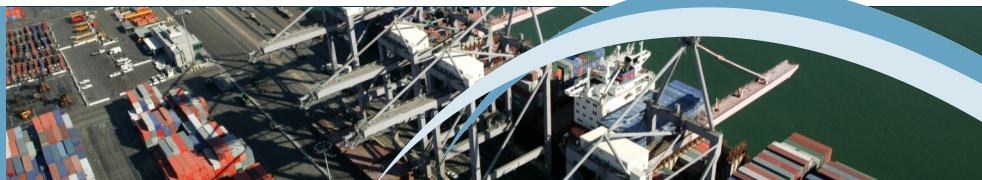


Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	41	37	14	4	0	96
Week 2: Dec 18-24	74	50	12	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	139
Week 3: Dec 25-31	104	65	18	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	188
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	66	37	14	10	-3	.	.	.	.	.	124
Week 2: Dec 18-24	85	62	14	10	-3	.	.	.	.	.	168
Week 3: Dec 25-31	101	72	16	10	-4	.	.	.	.	.	195
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	51	50	18	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	114
Week 2: Dec 18-24	71	50	14	-2	-8	.	.	.	.	.	125
Week 3: Dec 25-31	92	50	14	-4	0	.	.	.	.	.	152
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Dec 18-24	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Dec 25-31	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	0	0
Week 2: Dec 18-24	0	0
Week 3: Dec 25-31	0	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	60	21	10	1	-4	88
Week 2: Dec 18-24	90	38	12	1	-4	.	.	.	.	.	137
Week 3: Dec 25-31	121	62	12	1	-5	.	.	.	.	.	191
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	57	50	47	11	5	.	.	.	.	.	170
Week 2: Dec 18-24	77	50	43	11	-3	.	.	.	.	.	178
Week 3: Dec 25-31	98	50	40	16	-5	.	.	.	.	.	199
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	150	75	73	15	2	.	.	.	.	.	315
Week 2: Dec 18-24	150	116	124	15	-1	.	.	.	.	.	404
Week 3: Dec 25-31	150	127	178	14	-2	.	.	.	.	.	467
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Dec 18-24	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Dec 25-31	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	0	0
Week 2: Dec 18-24	0	0
Week 3: Dec 25-31	0	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	64	62	50	49	10	235
Week 2: Dec 18-24	130	166	50	40	10	.	.	.	.	.	396
Week 3: Dec 25-31	170	268	50	20	15	.	.	.	.	.	523
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	99	78	65	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	257
Week 2: Dec 18-24	218	59	111	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	401
Week 3: Dec 25-31	335	123	108	11	5	.	.	.	.	.	582
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	252	250	141	50	11	.	.	.	.	.	704
Week 2: Dec 18-24	267	250	195	195	10	.	.	.	.	.	917
Week 3: Dec 25-31	385	250	180	337	11	.	.	.	.	.	1,163
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	16	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 2: Dec 18-24	27	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29
Week 3: Dec 25-31	39	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Dec 18-24	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Dec 25-31	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	123	12	2	2	-8	131
Week 2: Dec 18-24	146	15	0	2	-8	.	.	.	.	.	155
Week 3: Dec 25-31	170	25	1	2	-8	.	.	.	.	.	190
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	42	39	8	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	95
Week 2: Dec 18-24	46	59	10	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	120
Week 3: Dec 25-31	61	79	10	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	153
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	48	16	15	9	9	.	.	.	.	.	97
Week 2: Dec 18-24	72	8	15	6	8	.	.	.	.	.	109
Week 3: Dec 25-31	95	5	15	11	10	.	.	.	.	.	136
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Dec 18-24	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Dec 25-31	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	0	0	0
Week 2: Dec 18-24	0	0	0
Week 3: Dec 25-31	0	1	1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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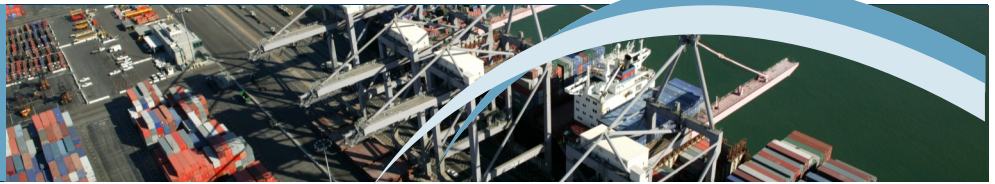


Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	30	14	8	-3	-585	-536
Week 2: Dec 18-24	30	25	10	-2	-612	.	.	.	.	.	-549
Week 3: Dec 25-31	30	55	9	-5	-780	.	.	.	.	.	-691
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	76	50	2	-100	-111	.	.	.	.	.	-83
Week 2: Dec 18-24	117	50	4	-54	-204	.	.	.	.	.	-87
Week 3: Dec 25-31	107	50	4	-70	-300	.	.	.	.	.	-209
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	500	70	5	-70	-229	.	.	.	.	.	276
Week 2: Dec 18-24	500	102	2	-10	-269	.	.	.	.	.	325
Week 3: Dec 25-31	500	134	1	-20	-313	.	.	.	.	.	302
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	180	28	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	212
Week 2: Dec 18-24	180	34	2	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	224
Week 3: Dec 25-31	180	73	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	260
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	19	0	-5	14
Week 2: Dec 18-24	21	0	-4	17
Week 3: Dec 25-31	23	0	-4	19

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	70	24	18	4	-9	107
Week 2: Dec 18-24	70	35	23	2	-10	.	.	.	.	.	120
Week 3: Dec 25-31	70	47	28	-2	-8	.	.	.	.	.	135
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	220	15	-1	-10	-21	.	.	.	.	.	203
Week 2: Dec 18-24	220	21	-29	-12	-27	.	.	.	.	.	173
Week 3: Dec 25-31	220	30	-35	-15	-31	.	.	.	.	.	169
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	150	8	3	-14	-17	.	.	.	.	.	130
Week 2: Dec 18-24	150	9	-24	-15	-27	.	.	.	.	.	93
Week 3: Dec 25-31	150	32	-20	-17	-38	.	.	.	.	.	107
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	8	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Dec 18-24	0	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Dec 25-31	-3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	1	1
Week 2: Dec 18-24	1	1
Week 3: Dec 25-31	1	1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	750	484	381	45	-280	.	.	.	.	.	1,380
Week 2: Dec 18-24	750	550	506	45	-191	.	.	.	.	.	1,660
Week 3: Dec 25-31	750	500	644	50	7	.	.	.	.	.	1,951
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	1,500	784	147	112	40	.	.	.	.	.	2,583
Week 2: Dec 18-24	1,500	831	397	163	50	.	.	.	.	.	2,941
Week 3: Dec 25-31	1,500	805	732	216	45	.	.	.	.	.	3,298
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	5,500	1,618	60	-252	-273	.	.	.	.	.	6,653
Week 2: Dec 18-24	5,500	1,676	60	-169	-365	.	.	.	.	.	6,702
Week 3: Dec 25-31	5,500	1,550	60	600	-472	.	.	.	.	.	7,238
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	200	176	75	73	-7	.	.	.	.	.	517
Week 2: Dec 18-24	200	153	75	-39	-9	.	.	.	.	.	380
Week 3: Dec 25-31	225	133	75	-71	-12	.	.	.	.	.	350
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	42	12	10	64
Week 2: Dec 18-24	51	13	10	74
Week 3: Dec 25-31	61	23	10	94

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	168	100	4	-2	-41	229
Week 2: Dec 18-24	201	100	5	-3	-32	.	.	.	.	.	271
Week 3: Dec 25-31	239	100	5	-7	-44	.	.	.	.	.	293
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	400	8	5	-8	-13	.	.	.	.	.	392
Week 2: Dec 18-24	400	-25	8	44	-11	.	.	.	.	.	416
Week 3: Dec 25-31	400	126	8	96	-15	.	.	.	.	.	615
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	1,400	55	16	10	-4	.	.	.	.	.	1,477
Week 2: Dec 18-24	1,400	-3	128	8	-7	.	.	.	.	.	1,526
Week 3: Dec 25-31	1,400	182	243	8	-10	.	.	.	.	.	1,823
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	6	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Dec 18-24	15	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Dec 25-31	22	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	-5	-5
Week 2: Dec 18-24	-6	-6
Week 3: Dec 25-31	-7	-7

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	30	0	-8	-22	-330	-330
Week 2: Dec 18-24	30	-1	-8	5	-474	.	.	.	.	.	-448
Week 3: Dec 25-31	30	-3	-7	28	-631	.	.	.	.	.	-583
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	275	13	-2	-9	-131	.	.	.	.	.	146
Week 2: Dec 18-24	275	10	-11	2	-247	.	.	.	.	.	29
Week 3: Dec 25-31	275	-9	-9	-2	-361	.	.	.	.	.	-106
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	120	44	-8	-14	-15	.	.	.	.	.	127
Week 2: Dec 18-24	120	-7	-8	6	-30	.	.	.	.	.	81
Week 3: Dec 25-31	120	-52	-9	-5	-22	.	.	.	.	.	32
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	-27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-27
Week 2: Dec 18-24	-36	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-36
Week 3: Dec 25-31	-45	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-45
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	0	0
Week 2: Dec 18-24	0	0
Week 3: Dec 25-31	0	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	37	14	12	0	0	63
Week 2: Dec 18-24	-50	10	7	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	-33
Week 3: Dec 25-31	-155	10	-12	-1	0	.	.	.	.	.	-158
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	96	18	10	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	122
Week 2: Dec 18-24	-18	7	14	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 3: Dec 25-31	-114	6	12	0	-3	.	.	.	.	.	-99
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	12	0	-16	-20	-70	.	.	.	.	.	-94
Week 2: Dec 18-24	12	0	-24	-14	-186	.	.	.	.	.	-212
Week 3: Dec 25-31	9	0	-38	-10	-326	.	.	.	.	.	-365
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	8	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: Dec 18-24	2	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Dec 25-31	-4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	3	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Dec 18-24	-1	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5
Week 3: Dec 25-31	-5	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-9

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	374	225	180	124	20	.	.	.	.	.	923
Week 2: Dec 18-24	956	225	399	141	30	.	.	.	.	.	1,751
Week 3: Dec 25-31	1,323	225	600	135	35	.	.	.	.	.	2,318
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	462	230	160	107	25	.	.	.	.	.	984
Week 2: Dec 18-24	768	230	415	49	25	.	.	.	.	.	1,487
Week 3: Dec 25-31	1,031	230	636	38	30	.	.	.	.	.	1,965
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	600	476	182	61	25	.	.	.	.	.	1,344
Week 2: Dec 18-24	600	1,000	431	16	35	.	.	.	.	.	2,082
Week 3: Dec 25-31	600	1,408	832	8	50	.	.	.	.	.	2,898
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	262	225	184	127	10	.	.	.	.	.	808
Week 2: Dec 18-24	338	225	230	109	10	.	.	.	.	.	912
Week 3: Dec 25-31	453	225	268	109	10	.	.	.	.	.	1,065
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	23	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28
Week 2: Dec 18-24	27	5	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
Week 3: Dec 25-31	31	5	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	209	116	35	20	8	.	.	.	.	.	388
Week 2: Dec 18-24	304	200	21	20	9	.	.	.	.	.	554
Week 3: Dec 25-31	319	280	15	20	11	.	.	.	.	.	645
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	60	30	12	-3	-10	.	.	.	.	.	89
Week 2: Dec 18-24	6	30	10	-12	23	.	.	.	.	.	57
Week 3: Dec 25-31	33	30	10	-9	18	.	.	.	.	.	82
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	450	255	178	12	-71	.	.	.	.	.	824
Week 2: Dec 18-24	450	279	226	9	-74	.	.	.	.	.	890
Week 3: Dec 25-31	450	352	345	9	-80	.	.	.	.	.	1,076
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	262	92	10	4	-9	.	.	.	.	.	359
Week 2: Dec 18-24	223	73	10	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	310
Week 3: Dec 25-31	184	74	10	1	-11	.	.	.	.	.	258
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	16	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 2: Dec 18-24	17	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 3: Dec 25-31	18	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	80	8	-10	-10	-52	16
Week 2: Dec 18-24	80	10	-14	76	-52	.	.	.	.	.	100
Week 3: Dec 25-31	80	11	-18	-134	-54	.	.	.	.	.	-115
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	180	127	83	73	10	.	.	.	.	.	473
Week 2: Dec 18-24	180	111	63	-30	9	.	.	.	.	.	333
Week 3: Dec 25-31	180	105	56	-38	11	.	.	.	.	.	314
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	500	183	17	10	-165	.	.	.	.	.	545
Week 2: Dec 18-24	500	210	10	15	-317	.	.	.	.	.	418
Week 3: Dec 25-31	500	201	0	20	-350	.	.	.	.	.	371
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	46	30	10	-63	-90	.	.	.	.	.	-67
Week 2: Dec 18-24	19	30	10	-34	-67	.	.	.	.	.	-42
Week 3: Dec 25-31	62	30	10	-56	-120	.	.	.	.	.	-74
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	10	7	2	19
Week 2: Dec 18-24	10	10	3	23
Week 3: Dec 25-31	10	10	4	24

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	103	100	3	2	-59	149
Week 2: Dec 18-24	158	100	3	45	-7	.	.	.	.	.	299
Week 3: Dec 25-31	194	100	3	42	52	.	.	.	.	.	391
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	100	70	15	6	-42	.	.	.	.	.	149
Week 2: Dec 18-24	100	55	-131	6	-35	.	.	.	.	.	-5
Week 3: Dec 25-31	100	13	-270	4	-40	.	.	.	.	.	-193
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	575	168	0	-77	-223	.	.	.	.	.	443
Week 2: Dec 18-24	575	164	0	-106	-271	.	.	.	.	.	362
Week 3: Dec 25-31	575	50	0	-112	-319	.	.	.	.	.	194
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	170	128	60	10	-61	.	.	.	.	.	307
Week 2: Dec 18-24	170	124	40	10	-56	.	.	.	.	.	288
Week 3: Dec 25-31	170	105	66	10	-73	.	.	.	.	.	278
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	9	6	1	16
Week 2: Dec 18-24	8	5	1	14
Week 3: Dec 25-31	7	6	1	14

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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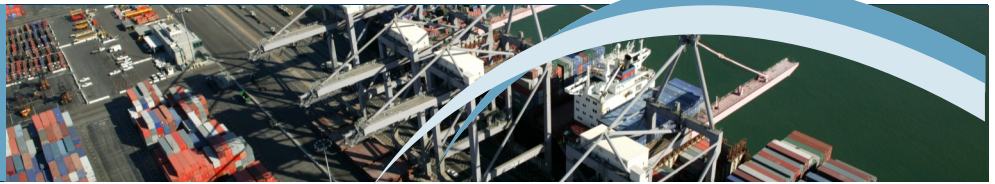


Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	104	40	9	153
Week 2: Dec 18-24	64	40	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	113
Week 3: Dec 25-31	26	40	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	76
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	183	7	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	192
Week 2: Dec 18-24	146	8	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	156
Week 3: Dec 25-31	110	7	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	119
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	213	90	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	309
Week 2: Dec 18-24	156	90	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	254
Week 3: Dec 25-31	106	90	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	204
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	368	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	378
Week 2: Dec 18-24	265	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	275
Week 3: Dec 25-31	115	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	125
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	15	1	16
Week 2: Dec 18-24	17	1	18
Week 3: Dec 25-31	19	1	20

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	22	19	10	5	56
Week 2: Dec 18-24	21	15	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	51
Week 3: Dec 25-31	18	5	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	30	10	-28	-78	.	.	.	.	.	.	-66
Week 2: Dec 18-24	30	8	-71	-102	.	.	.	.	.	.	-135
Week 3: Dec 25-31	30	8	-121	-110	.	.	.	.	.	.	-193
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	25	8	-106	-226	.	.	.	.	.	.	-299
Week 2: Dec 18-24	25	10	-251	-329	.	.	.	.	.	.	-545
Week 3: Dec 25-31	25	10	-368	-350	.	.	.	.	.	.	-683
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	58	5	0	-296	.	.	.	.	.	.	-233
Week 2: Dec 18-24	-136	5	0	-311	.	.	.	.	.	.	-442
Week 3: Dec 25-31	-179	5	0	-304	.	.	.	.	.	.	-478
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 11-17	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Dec 18-24	7	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Dec 25-31	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

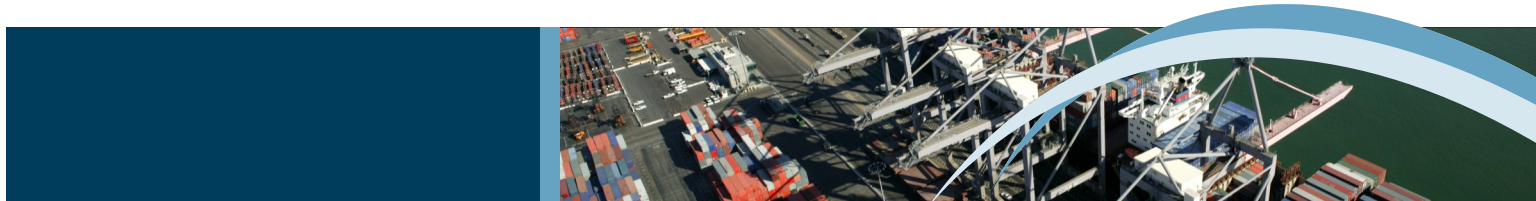
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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
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 - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
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